ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-Ninth Annual Session

—OF THE—

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH—

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH,

October 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1899.

G. W. GRAVLEE, Moderator..... Newtonville, Ala.
J. E. COX, Clerk..... Fayette, "
W. B. MELTON, Treasurer..... Fayette, "
A. N. REEVES, Corresponding Secretary..... Ballard, "

The next session of this Association will be held with Unity Church, commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1900.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
3. Presentation of Letters from the Churches.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite visiting Ministers not Delegates, to seats.
7. Receive Correspondence, also Return Correspondence.
8. On Missions.
9. On Sabbath Schools.
10. Hear Treasurer's Report.
11. Appoint Treasurer.
12. Appoint Special Committees :
    1. On Religious Exercises.
    2. On Documents.
    3. On Nominations.
    4. On Finance.
    5. Call for Report of District Meetings.
    6. On Temperance.
    7. On Religious Literature.
    8. On Orphans' Home.
    9. On Prayer and Prayer Meetings.
    10. On Ministerial Education.
    11. On Miscellaneous Business.
13. Read and Correct Minutes, call Roll and Adjourn.

MINUTES.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH,
FAYETTE CO., ALA., October 7, 1899.

The Twenty-ninth session of the New River Baptist Association convened with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Fayette county, Ala., on Saturday, October 7, 1899, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The opening sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Dickenson, from Acts 10:34-5, which was replete with good things—new and old, and an introduction to the work confronting the Body; after which the Association adjourned for refreshments, which were on the ground—or rather the long table—just burdened with whatever the appetite craved, and every member of the great gathering did his and her part—and did it well. The delegates reassembled in the house at 1:30 o'clock p. m., and, after religious exercises by the Moderator, Elder G, W. Gravlee, the Body was called to order, G .W. Gravlee presiding, and S. W. Clements acting as Secretary, temporarily.

The Moderator called the names of Churches, and letters therefrom were placed on the table; which were read by A, N. Reeves and J. H. Newton and enrolled as follows:

Absentees marked thus *.

Bankston: Elder W. G. Baker*, J. T. Willingham and J. W. Bennet*.

Mount Pleasant: J. R. Gladden, Elder G. H. White, R. M. Olive,

Rocky Mount: J. R. Agerton, W. S. Bobo, J, W. Graham*.

Liberty: L. A. Gardner, J. V. Montgomery, J. S. Moore.

Pilgrim Rest: Elders F. Wilson*, G. W. Freeman, S. L. Raney.

Concord: Elders J. S White, J. J. Patterson*, and Brother. D. S. Oswalt.

Macedonia: Elder J. E. Cox, J. A. South and William White*.

Unity: Elders J. S. Shirley, Arthur N. Reeves and Brother W. B. Shirley*.

Friendship: Elders W. J. Blankenship, W. J. Akin and J. H. Meharg.

Fayetteville: Elder J. P. Dickenson, Brethren H. E. Bentley and V. H. Nuckols*.

El Bethel: Elder W. F. Gilpin, Brethren W. J. Hassell and W. F. Jones.

Rehobeth: Elder B. T. Selman*, Brethren W. F. Nichols and J. S. Moore*.

Pleasant Grove: J. M. Lowery*, T. A. Palmer and J. R. Palmer.

Shepherd: Elder G. W. Gravlee, P. P. Mayfield*, J. M. Kizziar*.

Mount Lebanon: Elder J. F; Willis, J. F. Holliman and H. Anderson.

Philadelphia: Licentiates G. W. McGinnis, T. J. Garrison and Brother I. B. Deavors.

Pleasant Hill: John Sparks, J. H. Newton, E. B. Newton.

Salem: W. N. Gibson, Bud Itson and W. B. Davis.

Shady Grove: Elder M. W. Olive, John Hall* and S. L. South.

The Body proceeded to permanently organize: Elder Q. D. Haney and Prof. Boucher of Eldridge, acting as Tellers. Elder G. W. Gravlee, was re-elected Moderator and J. E. Cox, Clerk.

The Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were read by J. H. Newton, and the following committees were appointed, viz:

On Documents: A. N. Reeves, W. F. Gilpin. G. H. White, W. F. Jones and J. T. Willingham.

On Devotion: J. R. Agerton, J. A. South, W. B. Davis, and the Deacons of Mount Pleasant Church.

On Arrangements: J W. McGinnis, M. W. Olive, S. L. Raney.

On Education: P. P. Mayfield, H. E. Bentley, J. H. Newton.

On Nominations: J R. Gladden, Willie Gibson, W. F. Nichols.

On Finance: E. B. Newton, T. A. Palmer and D. A. Oswalt,

Received Correspondence as follows: From Harmony Grove Association, Rev. Q. D. Haney, no letter.

Sipsey Association: J. T. Carter and Elder J. B. Ferguson.

Returned Correspondence as follows: To Sipsey, W. B. Davis, Elders J. S. White, M. W. Olive, G. W. Gravlee, G. H. White.

To Harmony Grove: Elders J. E. Cox, A. N. Reeves, D. R. Tucker, Brethren J. H. Newton and J. H. Willingham.

North River: Elders J. E. Cox, W. G. Baker, and Brother T. J. Willingham.

Yellow Creek: Elders W. F. Gilpin, J. F. Willis, and Brethren J. F. Holliman, W. F. Jones and J. G. Jones.

On motion it was ordered, that the reports of the Temperance and Sunday School Committees be read and discussed on Sunday morning and evening.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Rev Q. D. Haney.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

October 8th, 1899.

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment, and, after devotional services conducted by the Moderator, the Body was called to order as arranged Saturday. The report on Sabbath Schools was read by the Chairman of the Committee, and, after due deliberation, participated in, by Elders G. H. White, A. N. Reeves, Prof. Boucher and the writer, said report, on motion, was adopted, viz:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report: From the best information we can obtain, the Sabbath School interest is not what it ought to be in our churches and communities; and to elicit a deeper interest, we recommend, that the Association make it the duty of the Sabbath School Committee to arrange a program, and hold a Convention this year, at some central point in the bounds of this Association, and that said Sunday School Committee be composed of one member from each church in our union.

G. H. White, Chairman.

The following brethren were appointed on the said Sabbath School Committee: Shepherd, P. P. Mayfield; Pleasant Hill, J. H. Newton; Rehobeth, W. F. Nichols; Rocky Mount, W. F. Shackleford; Friendship, J. H. Meharg; Unity, H. T. Shirley; Salem, W. S. Clements; Mount Lebanon, J. F. Holliman; Pleasant Grove, J. R. Palmer; Pilgrim Rest, G. W, Freeman; Fayetteville, Arthur Nuckols; Macedonia, J. A. South; Concord, M. C. Patterson; Mount Pleasant, R. T. Beard; Liberty, W, A. Gardner; Bankston, J. T. Willingham; Shady Grove, M. W. Olive; Philadelphia, G. W. McGinnis; El Bethel, J. G. Jones.

On motion, adjourned for preaching.

Elder A. N. Reeves announced for his text, Ps. 2:7–8, and Matthew 28:19, from which he preached a good sermon on missions, to a large and attentive congregation, at the conclusion of which, a collection

was taken, amounting to $15.80, to be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

The Committee on Devotion reported that Elder Q. D. Haney, of Eldridge, Ala., would preach at candle-lighting, in the church house, followed by Brother T. J. Garrison.

On motion: adjourned until 3:30 o'clock, p. m.

At 3:30 o'clock, the delegates and congregation re-assembled in the house, and after religious services, led by the Moderator, the meeting was called to order.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was called for, read, and, after earnest speeches by Elders J. P. Dickenson, J. S, Shirley, S. L. Haney, G. W. Gravlee, and brethren H. E. Bentley and a word or two by this scribe, the report was adopted,

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: On investigation we find intemperance decreasing very little. The use of intoxicants is indulged in to an alarming extent by the youth of our country. We suggest that all good citizens, and especially our brethren, to use every lawful means to suppress this great evil, and all other practice and habit of intemperance.

Respectfully,
J. P. DICKENSON, Chairman.

At the request of a brother, the congregation was permitted to give expression, by a standing vote, when, almost unanimously they stood, in token, that they would exert the utmost of their influence to drive from our churches and communities the sale and use of intoxicants. (So mote it be! Clerk.)

Elder Haney failing to appear, on account of illness, to fill the appointment, as arranged, previously, Elder J. B. Ferguson kindly accepted the invitation, and preached, at night, an interesting sermon.

On motion, adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock, a. m., Monday, and to resume the business of the session.

The congregation was led in prayer J. F. Willis.

MONDAY, 8 A. M., October 9, 1899.

The Body met at the appointed hour, and after a song service, the Moderator read 1 Thess. 1st chapter, and Elder William Akin led in prayer, after which, the Minutes were read and corrected.

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was called for, read, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee to arrange an Order of Business make the following report:

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
3. Present Letters of Churches.
4. Elect Officers.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite Ministers to Seats.
7. Receive Correspondence.
8. Return Correspondence.
9. Report on Missions.
10. Report on Sabbath Schools.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Appoint a Treasurer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. Committee on Devotion.
2. Committee on Documents.
3. Committee on Nominations.
4. Committee on Finance.
5. Committee on District Meetings.
6. Committee on Temperance.
7. Committee on Religious Literature.
8. Committee on Orphans' Home.
9. Committee on Education.
10. Committee on Ministerial Education.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Read and Correct Minutes.
13. Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. McGINNIS, Chairman.

J. F. Willis and J. H. Meharg were added to the Committee on Education.

W. B. Melton was appointed Treasurer.

REPORT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The first district meeting met with Rehobeth church on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1899, and located the next session at Liberty church, 3 miles west of Bankston; to convene, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1900, Elder B. T. Selman to preach the opening sermon, Elder G. H. White, alternate.

1st Query: What is meant in Gallatians 4:25? opened by Elder J. S. White.

2nd. What attitude should Christians bear toward each other and toward their enemies? opening by Elder J. J. Patterson.

3rd. What is meant by our talents? opened by Elder J. S. Townsend. J. S. TOWNSEND, Moderator.

W. F. NICHOLS, Clerk.

The Second District convened with Mount Lebanon church, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1899, and located the next session at Friendship church, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1900, Elder J. P. Dickenson to preach the opening, Elder G. W. Gravlee, alternate.

1st Query: Did Adam actually die the day he ate the forbidden fruit? if so, what kind of death did he die? opened by Elder S. L. Raney.

2nd Query: What is the Bible doctrine as to the final destiny of idolatrous nations? opened by Elder W. J. Akin.

3rd Query: Is it right for Baptists to affiliate with the denominations of the world? If not, why not? Opened by Elder J. S. Shirley.

We locate the next session of the New River Association at Unity church, about 8 miles north of Fayette C. H., Ala., beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1900.

G. W. FREEMAN, Clerk. J. S. SHIRLEY, Moderator.

On motion the reports were adopted.

Committee on Religious Literature: J. S. Shirley, W. S. Bobo and G. W. Freeman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the New River Baptist Association:

Brethren: You will please accept the following report:

To amount collected for delegates to Southern Baptist and State Convention	$ 2 20
To amount collected for Orphans' Home	3 40
" " " " Missions	9 15
" " as per Finance Committee	51 90
	$76 65

By amount paid G. H. White delegate to State Convention	$ 4 30
" " sent to State and Foreign Mission Boards and Orphans' Home	31 00
By amount paid for minutes	18 80
" " " the Clerk	9 00
Balance on hand	13 55
	$76 65

P. S.—Of the $13.55 on hand $7.90 is to defray expenses of delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and $5.65 for associational missions.

Respectfully,

S. W. CLEMENTS, Treasurer.

The report of the committee, appointed last session, to investigate an unpleasantness between Rocky Mount and Pleasant Hill churches, was called for, read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, appointed to investigate a complaint of Rocky Mount church against Pleasant Hill church, submit the following report:

We met with Rocky Mount church April 8 and Pleasant Hill April 22 and 23, and after hearing all the evidence, it was the conviction of this committee and also its advice, that a committee from both those churches meet in council together, and endeavor to adjust or settle the matter. Said committees did meet with Pleasant Hill church June 24, we also being present, and, after due consideration, both churches expressed themselves satisfied, and thus the matter was settled.

W. B. SHIRLEY, Chairman.

The discussion of the temperance report was resumed at 10 o'clock as arranged yesterday, participated in by Elders A. N. Reeves, J. B. Ferguson, J. S. Shirley, Prof. Boucher, of Eldridge, Ala., and T. J. Garrison.

The body at this junction adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder Q. D. Haney, who took for his text, Rom. 10:14-15. The sermon was filled with Bible truth, and made powerful by the presence of the Holy Spirit. He held the large congregation spell-bound and delighted.

The body, on motion, adjourned for refreshments, which had been so abundantly prepared by the hospitable women of the church and vicinity. The horses and other animals of burden were not neglected.

The delegates re-assembled at 2 o'clock p. m., and were called to order by the Moderator. The regular order of business was suspended

on motion, and the report of the Committee on Education was called for and read, viz:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report: We realize the need of education. We must educate our children. God has given them mental faculties and requires the development of them. We believe we should develop our own faculties and the faculties of children in the best manner possible, and this can only be done by patronizing first class schools. We therefore recommend the following schools as being worthy of our patronage:

The Howard College, at East Lake, Ala., the Judson Institute, Marion, Ala., and the West Alabama Male and Female College, Eldridge, Ala. J. F. WILLIS, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the reports, speeches were made by Prof. Boucher, J. S. Shirley, G. W. Gravlee, A. N. Reeves and others. The report was then adopted.

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The committee appointed at the 28th session of this body, to investigate a grievance of a minority of Mount Lebanon church, made the following report:

We, your committee, appointed at the last session of this body, to investigate a grievance of a minority of Mount Lebanon church, met with said church on her regular conference day, and, after making known to the church our mission, we were rejected, and now ask to be discharged, after suggesting that another committee of seven be appointed by the Moderator, to visit Mount Lebanon Church, and investigate said grievance. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BOBO, Chairman,
W. B. MELTON, Secretary,
Of Committee.

Names of above committee:

W. B. Shirley, W. B. Melton, W. S. Bobo, J. H. Newton, G. H. White, W. F. Gilpin, J. S. Shirley; G. W. Gravlee and A. N. Reeves were added to the committee.

The report was adopted, as amended.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, a complaint was sent to this body at its last session, by Rocky Mount church, against her sister, Pleasant Hill church, on a matter of discipline, and, Whereas, the same was heard, and a committee sent to inquire into the cause of said complaint, and advise, as to a proper course to be pursued by both churches, and, Whereas, said committee performed the duty assigned them, and have reported the same to this body, and have been discharged, and finding that satisfaction has not been made to the injured parties, therefore,

Resolved, That we advise Pleasant Hill church to require Elder J. W. Hosmer, one of her members, to give satisfaction to Rocky Mount church publicly, as to certain remarks made by him, in 1897, offensive to said Rocky Mount church, because said remarks insinuated that ministers of this body were cowardly and unsound in the Baptist Faith.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported, viz:

Your Committee on Religious Literature would advise that, first of all, "search the Scriptures," second, read the Alabama Baptist, The

Baptist Standard, and Foreign Mission Journal. We also recommend our Home Field Journal, published in Atlanta, Ga., and the literature published by the Sunday School Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn., for our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully J. S. SHIRLEY, Chairman.

After interesting speeches by Elders J. H. Shirley, J. B. Ferguson and others, the report was adopted.

The body then adjourned with prayer by Elder J. P. Dickenson, to meet at 8 o'clock a. m., Tuesday.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1899.

The Association met at 8 o'clock, and devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was called for and read, as follows: Your Committeee on Orphans' Home—at Evergreen, Ala.—would report that there are now in the "Home," 21 boys and 42 girls—63 in all. These children came from 24 counties in Alabama. They attend school, where they are taught to work, the boys on the farm and the girls to do house-work. It requires $10 a day to support this family; and, besides what goods are sent to them, they have no means of support, except the offerings of friends and God's people. Brethren, we commend this Home to your Christ-like consideration. This institution is preeminetly worthy our support. We believe the work to be of God, and we recommend that pastors present its claims to their respective churches, and that collections be taken up for the support of these orphans in each church of this body as often as every three months. Respectfully submitted,

A. N. REEVES, Chairman.

After earnest speeches by A. N. Reeves and others and "a few feeble remarks" by the writer, the report was adopted.

ON PRAYER AND PRAISE.

Your Committee on Prayer and Praise report that we find from the church-epistles addressed to this body, very few churches have regular prayer-meetings.

We therefore recommend that every church that can, organize a regular prayer service, to meet weekly; for there is great need of effectual, fervent prayer, in our churches, communities and families.

W. F. GILPIN, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report, a Committee on Prayer Praise, consisting of W. F. Gilpin, J. W. Graham, M. W. Olive, J. W. McGinnis and J. S. Shirley, was appointed and the report was adopted.

On Ministerial Education there was no report, the Committee being absent.

Treasurer Thos. E. Goodwin's report of session 1897: Cash on hand, $1.16, which was paid to W. B. Melton, present Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

Your Committee on Finance report as follows:

For Minutes	$19 40
For State Missions	75
For Associational Missions	5 35
For Home Missions	6 75
For Foreign Missions	6 65
For Associational Expenses	8 60
For Orphans' Home	5 95
Total amount	$53 45

Repectfully submitted, E. B. NEWTON, Chairman.

The money sent by the churches was applied as directed by those sending it, and the report was adopted.

MISSIONS BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your Mission Board, submit the following report: We have made repeated efforts to secure means to supply the destitute with the Gospel. We did not feel disposed to incur a debt on the Association without the cheerful cooperation of the churches, hence no mission work has been done. J. R. GLADDEN, Chairman.

W. S. BOBO, Secretary.

Above report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents report that we have examined the letters from the churches of this body and find nothing claiming our attention. Submitted. A. N. REEVES, Chairman.

Adopted.

ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following report: Elder J. F. Willis to preach the opening sermon at our next session of this body, with J. S. Townsend, alternate. Elder G. W. Gravlee to preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday, W. J. Akin, alternate. Mission Board: J. H. Newton, J. R. Agerton, H. E. Bentley, J. F. Holliman, W. B. Shirley.

On Ministerial Education: A. N. Reeves, W. F. Gilpin and G. H. White. We also recommend that all our mission work be submitted to our Mission Board, named in this report.

J. R. GLADDEN, Chairman.

The report was adopted, with the following pledges for mission work in our own bounds: Delegates pledge for churches and individuals, Shepherd $5, Fayetteville $5, Mt. Pleasant $7.50, Rocky Mount $5, Concord $5, Unity $5, Friendship $5, El Bethel $5, Mount Lebanon $5, W. F. Nichols $2, G. W. Freeman $3, Philadelphia $5, Shady Grove, cash by M. W. Olive $2, Pleasant Hill $5, J. E. Cox $2, and S. N. Lindsey $1. Total, $67.50.

On motion, Sipsey Valley church was dropped from the roll, for non-representation two successive annual sessions of this association.

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO ELD. J. W. HOSMER.

Whereas, brother J. W. Hosmer reflected upon the wisdom, honesty and faithfulness of this body, by challenging the ministers and the

entire body, denying that it had the right to do what we did; and whereas, the said J. W. Hosmer made such charges and boastful challenges through the Texas Baptist Standard, a paper published in Dallas, Texas, August 10, 1899, and thus publishing the New River Association as being unsound in Faith and Practice. Therefore,

Resolved, That Pleasant Hill church be required to deal with the said J. W. Hosmer as the cause of Christ demands.

The preamble and resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to have as many copies of these Minutes printed as the Minute fund will pay for, and distribute them to each church according to amount paid by each church, and that the clerk have for such services the Association fund, which is $8.60. Adopted.

Whereupon the delegates contributed $1.70 to supplement the clerk's fee.

THANKS.

Resolved, That we tender to Mount Pleasant church and community our sincere thanks for the unsurpassed hospitality shown us during this session of the body. W. S. BOBO.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Temperance: W. B. Melton, W. S. Bobo, J. R. Gladden, H. E. Bentley and W. F. Nichols.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers: G. W. Freeman, W. J. Hassell and E. B. Newton.

On motion, the $7.50 on hand was turned over to the treasurer, for the defraying of the expenses of Delegate to the Southern Baptist convention. Also, $4.06 was contributed to defray expenses of Delegate to State Convention, turned over to treasurer.

There being no further business, an appropriate hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and the 29th session of the New River Association adjourned, to meet with Unity church, 8 miles north of Fayette, Fayette county, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1900. G. W. GRAVLEE, Moderator.

JAMES E. COX, Clerk.

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—STATISTICS FOR 1899.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	S. Meetings.	No. Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Lettered.	Excluded.	Died.	Min. Fund.	Ass'n Fund.	O. Home.	S. Missions.	H. Missions.	F. Missions.	Total amount paid.	Total No. members.
Bankston	A. N. Reeves	Ballard	4	6	6	..	2	..	1	$ 1 25	$ 50	$	$ ...	$	$	$ 1 75	50
Concord	I. L. Collins	Ridge	4	10	8	..	8	..	..	1 00	50	4 45	75	75	1 15	8 60	116
El Bethel	W. L. Gilpin	Hugent	1	..	2	..	..	8	1	1 50	50	.....	2 00	2 00	1 35	7 35	71
Fayetteville	J P. Dickenson	Fayette	1,2	7	..	..	6	..	5	1 50	50	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	4 00	57
Friendship	J. S. Townsend	Ballard	1	7	..	..	5	..	1	1 25	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	109
Liberty	J. J. Patterson	Ridge	3	2	..	..	..	2	2	25	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	35
Macedonia	F. Wilson	Pilgrim	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	30
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Gravlee	Newtonville	3	14	1	1	..	1	1	1 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	99
Mt. Lebanon	S. Waldrop	Hester	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	55
Pleasant Hill	J. P. Dickenson	Fayette	4	..	2	..	1	..	..	1 00	50	.....	2 00	1 50	2 00	7 00	52
Pleasant Grove	J. S. Townsend	Ballard	3	..	..	..	5	1	1	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	31
Philadelphia	W. G. Baker.	Bankston	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	44
Pilgrim Rest	F. Wilson	Hico	4	4	..	..	2	..	1	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	....	1 50	88
Rehobeth	B. T. Selman	Hugent	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	75	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	38
Rocky Mount	F. Wilson	Hico	2	7	..	..	5	2	..	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	72
Salem	I. L. Collins	Ridge	3	..	5	..	3	4	3	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	70
Shepherd	W. G. Gravlee.	Newtonville	1	4	1	..	4	..	1	1 40	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53
Unity	J. S. Townsend	Ballard	3	4	12	..	3	1	3	1 50	50	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	6 00	100
Shady Grove	J. S. Townsend	Ballard	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	55
			...	66	44	1	44	19	21	$19 40	$ 8 60	$ 4 45	$ 1 75	$ 7 25	$ 7 50	$48 05	1,225

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing letters, shall take their seats.

ART. 2. This Association shall be known by the name of the New River Baptist Association, which shall have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their bearings; yet so that churches and individual members are left free, and that giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. 3. To give churches the best advice she can in all matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister churches to inquire into the cause of the breach and use her best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be repaired, to withdraw from any church or churches which she may look upon as being unsound in principle or immoral in practice until the same can be reclaimed.

ART. 4. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased since the last session of the Association, the state of their Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings, and the number of ordained ministers and licensed preachers, with their postoffices which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 5. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner: Each church shall be entitled to send three delegates and no more. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed, shall state her reasons at the next session.

ART. 6. The Association thus formed a majority of the members present shall choose by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve one year.

ART. 7. Churches may be admitted into this union who petition by letter and delegates, and upon nomination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated, but if not it shall be withdrawn; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

ART. 9. Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in all acts respecting their internal concerns.

ART. 10. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

ART. 12 The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

ART 13. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association when a majority of its members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one only living and true God, and three persons in the God head, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of human depravity; that it disables man from keeping the law for life, and that man's recovery and final salvation depends entirely upon the provision which Christ has made, and offered upon the condition of faith.

4. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the merits of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace, and not one of them shall finally fall away.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal

AS FOR GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord, and one to another, and have agreed to keep up a godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and only law giver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual; and that the discipline of the church is intended for the reclaiming of the Christian who may be disorderly either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and unity of the churches.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and conscientiously do believe the true mode of baptism is immersion.

4. We believe that none have the right to administer the ordinances but ministers of the Gospel, regularly ordained to that office.

5. We believe that none but those regularly baptized have a right to participate in the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. To expedite business, committees may be appointed at the direction of the Association.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time, and any brother not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the Association, on the same day, but at no other time.

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.

5. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

6. Every person who shall speak in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection

7. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak shall signify the right of the applicant by naming him or otherwise.

8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking

10. Any person wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator

11. The Moderator shall give the casting vote, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time.

12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our address one to another.

13. The names of delegates shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the Association thinks proper, only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Name.	Postoffice.
G. W. Gravlee	Newtonville.
Frank Wilson	Hico.
A. N. Reeves	Ballard.
J. S. Shirley	Hugent.
B. T. Selman	Hugent.
G. H. White	Davis Creek.
W. G. Baker	Bankston.
S. L. Raney	Hico.
G. W. Freeman	Fayette.
W. F. Gilpin	Hugent.
J. F. Willis	Fayette.
J. E. Cox	Fayette.
J. P. Dickenson	Machine.
M. W. Olive	Bankston.
W. J. Akins	Ballard.
W. J. Blankenship	Ballard.
J. S. Townsend	Ballard.
J. J. Patterson	Ridge.
J. S. White	Ridge.
J. W. Hosmer	Fayette.